

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to add a priority claim to International Patent Application No. PCT/GB03/00204, filed January 20, 2003, under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, which claims priority to and the benefit of British Patent Application No. 0201223.5, filed January 19, 2002, and British Patent Application No. 0219913.1, filed August 28, 2002.

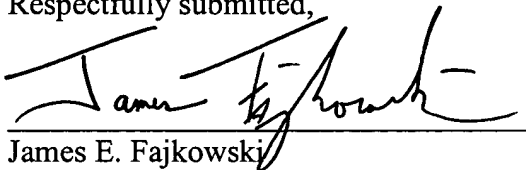
Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application. Claims 3, 5 to 7, and 10 are herein amended to correct or remove multiple dependency. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in the previously filed claims and throughout the specification.

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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